



Household Products Collection Center

1320 E. University Drive
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Hours

Friday 7:00 to 12:00

Saturday 7:00 to 1:00

<http://www.tempe.gov/HHW>



January 2010 Update

Residents brought their unwanted items to the HPCC this January in record numbers, surpassing all previous Januarys since our opening in 1999. What is exciting about this is that Tempe resident's continue to demonstrate a commitment to the environment; the HPCC has not advertised in the last several months.

The [EPA](#) recognizes how important this commitment is stating *"improper disposal of certain types of household hazardous Waste (HHW) have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets, and present hazards to children and pets if left around the house."* By properly disposing of HHW, residents reduce and eliminate contamination of our recreational lakes, surface water and our ground water. Additional benefits of proper disposal are difficult to measure such as; fewer injuries to sanitation workers, reduced number of house fires and fewer injuries or exposures to firefighters.

In eight-days or 44-hours residents disposed of:

Toxic's	600 Pounds	Flammable's	1,500 Pounds
Corrosive's	250 Pounds	e-waste	3,750 Pounds
Car Batteries	600 Pounds	Oil	55 Gallons

Did you know that the used oil from one oil change can contaminate **1-million gallons** of fresh water; a years' supply for 50 people!

(Source EPA)